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*Via email only*

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I write in response to your request for public records, seeking certain information about, and with reference to, the Rhode Island Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

Please find attached public records responsive to your requests, as well as data compiled by our staff from records in the custody, control, or possession of Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH). RIDOH has determined that certain information in the records that you have requested is not subject to disclosure because it is categorized as "commercial or financial information obtained from a person, firm, or corporation that is of a privileged or confidential nature" under R. I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(B). RIDOH has further determined that no portion of such documents contained information that was both segregable and releasable; therefore, those documents have been withheld rather than redacted.

Pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 38-2-8 and 38-2-9, you have the right to appeal this denial to the RIDOH Director, Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 and/or file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903, or with the Rhode Island Superior Court of the county where the records are maintained.

Thank you for your interest in keeping government open and accountable to the public.

Sincerely,

  
Peter Ragosta, RPh  
Chief, RI Board of Pharmacy  
RI Department of Health

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1. Any and all records including information about the algorithm that determines risk scores in the PDMP, including but not limited to its source code, developer documentation, and operator manuals (e.g. Narx Score, Overdose Risk Score);

I have attached the following:

- RIQI contract for PDMP and ED Smart Notifications work
- EDSN Business Requirements
- EDSN Technical Design
- EDSN Solution Architecture

2. Any and all research, technical reports, or internal audits that define and/or evaluate PDMP effectiveness or performance;

Does not exist.

3. Any and all research, technical reports, or internal audits that evaluate the Apprisk risk assessment tool's effectiveness or performance;

Does not exist.

4. Any and all records of de-identified red flag algorithm outputs (e.g. provider red flag, pharmacy red flag, 40 MED red flag) and patient behavioral red flags (e.g., anxious patient demeanor, distance between prescriber and dispenser) with prescriber/dispenser training documentation on how to address the red flags; and

Does not exist.

5. Any and all records from 2006-present of notification to law enforcement about information in the PDMP Medical Review Group or other channels, including but not limited to how many times law enforcement agencies have been notified about information in the PDMP, and which agencies have been notified;

As of January 1, 2018 and pursuant to legislative changes made during the 2017 General Assembly session, RIDOH started tracking law enforcement PDMP requests with a request form (following): Please see below the number of requests (to date, from January 1, 2018 through and including October 15, 2019):

FBI: 2

DEA: 45

FDA: 2

Rhode Island Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud and Abuse: 1